

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, lines 7-10, please replace the first paragraph and substitute the following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention~~This application is a national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/US2003/036035, filed on November 12, 2003, which claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/425,524, filed November 12, 2002, entitled "Extremely Strain Tolerant Thermal Protection Coating for Rocket Engines and Related Method thereof," the entire disclosures of which is~~are~~hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.